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1. At the beginning of March 1950 mobilization of all men between the ages of 18 and 55 was begun throughout Northern Albania, assertedly for the purpose of acquainting them with the use of new Soviet arms. By late March only part of those eligible had been called up, but the others were under orders not to leave their villages without special authorization.
2. As of the first week in March, Albanian troops were concentrated on the Yugoslav border, and artillery maneuvers were being conducted in the Dibra region.
3. In the Mirdite and Puka regions a curfew was established during the hours of darkness, circulation being prohibited during curfew except by special permission.
4. On 6 March, there was a battle between Albanian police and unknown antagonists at Ura e Zogut (King Zog Bridge), (now the Ura Mati?).
5. Kadri Coba, Puka Communist Party chief, was killed in a fight with an unidentified resistance group.
6. On 13 March 1950 an Albanian resistance group of ten persons was wiped out in a battle with Albanian security forces. The following resistance fighters were killed: Mark Melyshi, Pal Melyshi, Gjin Krosbuna, Pring Dod Djikeqi, Pring Zef Tarazvi, and Nikoll Deda.
7. The following resistance groups are said to be active in late March 1950:
 - Dibri area: Nikoll Jake Nimollo, with five men.
 - Orosh area: Llesh Marka Tuci, with nine men.
 - Kushenit area: Pashko Suma, with five men.
 - Spac area: Pjeter Kimza, with four men.
 - Lesh area: Gjin Errok Mita, with six men.
 - Kurbin area: Ndue Gjergj Hasani, Gjergj Nikolle Loga and Ibrahim Bani, with 22 men.

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8. In February and March more than 300 truckloads of munitions were unloaded at Dibra. The Albanian Army considered that there was an immediate threat from Yugoslavia.

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9. [redacted] in Jakova in mid-March, Gani Kryeziu's men ([redacted] whose numbers [redacted] estimated at 12,000) were inactive at Jakova at that time. [redacted] these men were under Kryeziu's command [redacted]

10. [redacted]
the following estimates of nationalist Albanians "available" in Northern Albania for revolutionary action:

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Arrn	300 men
Surroj	200 men
Fandi	500 men
Orosh	100 men
Qafe Milat	300 men
Spaci	300 men
Kushnen	200 men
Dibri	500 men
Moele and Zadrime	1,000 men
Kthella	1,000 men
Stilita (sic)	200 men
Rraza	200 men
Lesh and surrounding area	700 men
Kurbini	1,000 men*

11. Propaganda leaflets appeared in Shkoder province on 12 and 13 March and again on 6 April. The more recent leaflets included the lines, "Down With Communism! Long live true Albanians!"

[redacted] Comment: [redacted] these numbers seem to be somewhat high.

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